## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

	)	MDL No. 1456
IN RE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY	)	Master File No. 01-12257-PBS
AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE LITIGATION	( )	
	)	Judge Patti B. Saris
	)	
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:	)	
State of California, ex rel. Ven-A-Care v.	)	
Abbott Laboratories, et al.	)	
01-cv-12257-PBS and 03-cv-11226-PBS	)	
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## STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S MOTION TO FILE UNDER SEAL

The State of California ("California"), through its undersigned counsel, moves pursuant to Local Rule 7.2 and California Gov. Code § 12652(c)(2)-(5) to file under seal and to impound until further order of this Court: Stipulation and Proposed Order to Extend Seal of California's First Amended Complaint in Intervention as to certain specific defendants. California moves on the following grounds:

- 1. This is a *qui tam* action brought by the Relator, Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys, Inc., a Florida corporation, pursuant to the California False Claims Act (California Gov. Code § 12652);
- 2. Pursuant to the California False Claims Act, the relator's complaint a *qui tam* action must be filed <u>in camera</u> and remain under seal until the Attorney General determines that he will intervene or until further order of the court. California Gov. Code § 12652(c)(2). During this period, defendants are not served with a summons or required to respond;

- 3. On August 25, 2005, the State of California elected to intervene as to particular defendants and causes of action and filed its First Amended Complaint in Intervention. The State did not elect to intervene as to all defendants named in the Qui Tam Plaintiffs' original or First Amended Complaint;
- 4. Among those kept under seal were the defendants which are now the subject of the Stipulation. The State of California requests the Stipulation filed concurrently with this motion be kept under seal as to those defendants since settlement discussions are being finalized.

WHEREFORE, California prays that this Court order that the Stipulation described in the first paragraph be filed under seal and remain impounded until further order of this Court.

Dated: May 9, 2006

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I, John P. Fisher, Deputy Attorney General, Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse, for the State of California, certify that this **STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S MOTION TO FILE UNDER SEAL** document filed through the ECF system, will be sent electronically to the registered participants/counsel of record pursuant to Paragraph 11 of the Case Management Order No. 2, by sending a copy to LexisNexis File and Serve for posting and notification to all parties on May 9, 2006.

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